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SUBJECT: GUYANESE OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON TODMAN TESTIMONY

- 1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN'S TESTIMONY JUNE 28 ON US POLICY TOWARD THE CARIBBEAN HAS DRAWN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSES FROM GUYANESE OFFICIALS AND GOG HAS ORDERED THAT FULL TEXT BE PUBLISHED IN GUYANA CHRONICLE. FIRST INSTALLMENT APPEARED JULY 2.
- 2. FONMIN WILLS, UPON RECEIVING CORRECTED COPY WITH INSERT ON GUYANA ON JUNE 30 CALLED CHARGE TO EXPRESS HIS DELIGHT AND SAY THAT HE WAS SENDING A COPY TO THE PRIME MINISTER. HE SAID THAT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY PROVIDED PUBLIC REAFIRMATION OF THE IMPRESSION LEFT BY UNDER SECRETARY HABIB, I.E., THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NO QUARREL WITH GUYANA OVER ITS PATH TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
- 3. MINISTER OF HEALTH, HOUSING AND LABOR HAMILTON GREEN CALLED JULY 1 TO SAY HE CONSIDERED THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S WORDS ON GUYANA AND ON THE REGION TO BE THE BEST PUBLIC STATEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON THE AREA, AND GUYANA SPECIFICALLY, THAT HE HAD SEEN TO DATE. IN HIS VIEW, IT REFLECTED UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE USG OF THE ASPIRATIONS AND PROBLEMS OF THE CARIBBEAN NATIONS.

4. FULL LOCAL IMPACT IS YET TO BE MADE, AS THE INSTALLMENT PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS JULY 2 DID NOT COVER THE SECTION ON GUYANA. THE GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY IS SAVING THAT FOR SUNDAY

JULY 3 WHEN THE "CHRONCILE" WILL HAVE ITS WIDEST CIRCULATION. BLACKEN  $\protect\prote$ 

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